is implementing a scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes. The State Government of Rajasthan has submitted a project profile report of Pichhola lake at Udaipur in July, 2006 for an estimated cost of Rs. 150 crore for consideration under the NLCP. The State Government has been requested to take necessary action for submission of Detailed Project Report (DPR) as per the guidelines of the NLCP along with firm cost estimates. Response from the State Government is awaited.

Environmental clearance to projects/industries in Orissa

2633. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that during last ten years his Ministry has given the forests and environment clearance/approval to thousands of projects and industries in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, how many of these projects/industries are located in the districts of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sambalpur and Sundargarh;

(c) the details and the names of the projects/industries thereof; and

(d) if so, the details and number of projects/industries that are not meeting the framed guidelines of Government from these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and a statement will be placed before the House after collection and compilation of the information.

Ganga action plan

2634. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study to assess the actual progress of the Ganga Action Plan and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for there being no progress on 149 schemes in the State of Bihar, Haryana, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Delhi giving the details of the schemes and the steps taken to complete the schemes urgently;

(c) whether Brij Ghat at Garhmukteshwar, Ghaziabad (U.P.) under Ganga Action Plan was to be developed like Har-Ki-Pauri at Haridwar; and

(d) if so, the details of the progress made in the construction of the pucca ghat, cleanliness and brick floored space for parking vehicles, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Ganga Action Plan (GAP), Phase-I, the first attempt undertaken for abatement of pollution in the river Ganga, was started in 1985 and it tackled 35% of the polluation load in the River. The same was declared completed in March 2000. Since GAP-I did not cover the full pollution load of the river, the GAP Phase-II has been sanctioned in stages from 1993 onwards and includes pollution abatement works, besides the river Ganga, in its majo tributaries Yamuna, Gomti, Damodar and Mahananda. As the scope of this phase was enhanced during implementation with revision in the approved works and inclusion of additional works in these rivers from time to time, the total sanctioned works have also prgoressively increased under this Plan. The number of schemes sanctioned under the Plan as on June, 2004 was 442, out of which 293 schemes were completed and 149 schemes remained to be incompleted. Currently the sanctioned works stand increased to 577, out of which 400 are reported to have been completed, 42 schemes are reported to be nearing completion and 135 schemes are reported to be in different stages of progress with 107 schemes having been completed after June, 2004. The recently approved schemes have individual targets varying from 2-3 years from their respective sanctioned dates. The progress of the ongoing works under the Plan is monitored regularly with the State Governments and their Implementing Agencies. The Statewise details of the progress of schemes under GAP Phase-II are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Government of India has sanctioned a 100% Centrally Sponsored scheme for construction of Bathing Ghat of length 61 metre at Brij Ghat, Garhmukteshwar in April, 2005 at a cost of Rs. 104.83 lakhs, which is an extension of existing bathing Ghat and includes construction of Changing Room, Steps for Ghat, Flooring on the landing, stone launching apron in the river at the end of the steps etc. As per the latest progress report furnished by the State Implementing Agency, 80% progress in this work has been achieved till October, 2006 and an expenditure of Rs. 85.86 lakhs has been incurred against the sanctioned amount.

Statement

State-wise and scheme-wise Physical progress under Ganga action Plan

Sl. No.	Plan/ State	<-Till 06/ 2004->		<-After 06/ 2004-> (Additional)*		<-Till 09/ 2006->	
		Sanc-tioned	Com-pleted	Sanc-tioned	Com-pleted	Sanc-tioned	Com-pleted
Ganga Action Plan Phase-I							
1	Uttar Pradesh	106	106	0	0	106	106
2	Bihar	45	43	0	0	45	43
3	W.B.	110	110	0	0	110	110
	TOTAL	261	259	0	0	261	259
Ganga Action Plan Phase-II							
1	Bihar	18	12	0	3	18	15
2	Delhi	12	12	0	0	12	12
3	Haryana	90	77	15	23	105	100
4	Jharkhand	6	2	0	3	6	5
5	Uttar Pradesh	195	163	30	25	225	188
6	Uttaranchal	29	10	8	8	37	18
7	West Bengal	92	17	82	45	174	62
	TOTAL	442	293	135	107**	577	400

* The additional schemes sanctioned between 7/2004 and 9/2006 (577-442=135) are envisaged to be completed after 2-3 years of their sanctioned date.

** Most of the schemes completed are those which were sanctioned before 6/2004.

Environmental safety figure

2635. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the observation made in a study report titled 'International Corporate Values Index-2006' that as compared to foreign companies which accord fifth priority to environmental safety, environment safety figures far below in the order to priorities of Indian companies which can result in environmental hazards in the country;